

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

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Referring now also to FIGS. 4-8, [Sleeve] sleeve 32 may be constructed in any manner and of any materials to produce a desired configuration to be contained within valve body 20 and to mate with plunger 30. For example, sleeve 32 may be constructed as a cylindrical annulus where plunger 30 is cylindrical and valve body 20 contains a cylindrical opening therein. Sleeve 32 may be constructed with a media opening 34 to control the flow of media from media inlet 22 to media outlet 24. Media opening 34 may be constructed in any shape that controls the flow of media 140 from media inlet 22 to media outlet 24 as desired when valve 10 is open. For example, as illustrated in FIG. 5, media opening 34 may be irregularly shaped, or, more conventional, with a circular, elliptical, or other geometric shaped opening; alternatively it may only include a narrow opening. Preferably, as illustrated in FIGS. 4 and 6, media opening 34 includes a first portion 200 proximate to media outlet 24 and a second portion 202 distal to media outlet 24, second portion 202 being broader than first portion 200. This embodiment of media opening 34 facilitates metering particulate media when media valve 10 is in a partially open position.

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